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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Nobuaki HASHIMOTO

Application No.: U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP99/03417

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Docket No.: 105029

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF,
CIRCUIT BOARD AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 27 and 28 as follows:

Claim 27, line 2, change "any of claims 1 to 20" to --claim 1--.

Claim 28, line 2, change "any of claims 21 to 26" to --claim 21--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 27 and 28 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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